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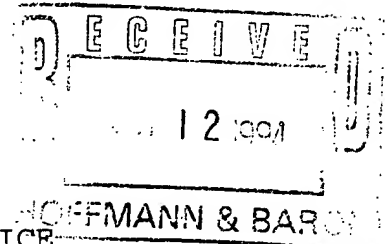
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WEADOCK, KEVIN

DOC DATE: 07/29/94

ASSIGNOR:
LENTZ, DAVID J.

DOC DATE: 08/08/94

ASSIGNOR:
ZDRAHALA, RICHARD J.

DOC DATE: 08/08/94

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ASSIGNEE:
MEADOX MEDICALS, INC.
112 BAUER DRIVE
OAKLAND, NJ 07436

SERIAL NUMBER 8-289790 FILING DATE 08/12/94
PATENT NUMBER ISSUE DATE 00/00/00

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☒ Assignment☐ Merger☐ Security Agreement☐ Change of Name☐ Other

Execution Date: 7/29/94 and 8/8/94

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) 08/289790

Name: Meadox Medicals, Inc.

Internal Address: 112 Bauer Drive

Oakland, NJ 07436

Street Address:

City: State: ZIP:

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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By: Multiple Inventors

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION (MULTIPLE INVENTORS)

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNORS (inventors):

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Randolph, NJ 07869
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USA

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hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

MEADOX MEDICALS, INC. 112 Bauer Drive

(Type or print name of ASSIGNEE) Address

USA

Oakland, NJ 07436

Nationality

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest
☐ an undivided _____ percent (____ %) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

- ☒ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority

in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

TUBULAR POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESES

(check and complete (a), (b), (c) or (d))

and which is found in

- (a) ☒ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on _____
☐ To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney, as named in the Declaration and Power of Attorney I executed for this invention on the execution date stated above, to insert below the filing date and application number when it becomes known.
(c) ☐ U.S. application serial no. 0 / _____ filed on _____
(d) ☐ U.S. patent no. _____ issued _____
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ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment;

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will

(Assignment of Invention—Multiple Inventors [16-3.2]—page 2 of 3)

testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this _____
(Date of signing).

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(Type name of Inventor)

Kevin Weadock, Ph.D.

David J. Lentz, Ph.D.

Richard J. Zdrahala, Ph.D.

Signature of INVENTOR

DATE

7/29/94

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STATE OF *NEW YORK*
COUNTY OF *NEW YORK* ^{SS}

On this *29th* day of *JULY*, 1994, before me
personally appeared *KEVIN WEADOCK* to me personally
known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing
Assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his/her free
act and deed.

Anita E. Rodriguez
Notary Public

ANITA E. RODRIGUEZ
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 31-4745617
Qualified in New York County
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STATE OF *NEW JERSEY*
COUNTY OF *BERGEN* ^{SS}

On this *8th* day of *AUGUST*, 1994, before me
personally appeared *DAVID J. LENTZ* to me personally
known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing
Assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his/her free
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Barbara Lawrence
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STATE OF *NEW JERSEY*
COUNTY OF *BERGEN* ^{SS}

On this *8th* day of *AUGUST*, 1994, before me
personally appeared *RICHARD J. ZORAHALA* to me personally
known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing
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REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR, OFFER TO SURRENDER
(37 C.F.R. § 1.178)

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

1. The undersigned applicant of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of letters patent for the improvement in Tubular Expanded Polytetrafluoroethylene Patent number 5,665,114 granted to him/her on September 9, 1998 which Implantable Prostheses

☐ he/she is now sole owner.


☒ Meadox Medicals, Inc

is now sole owner by assignment, and on whose behalf and with whose assent the accompanying application is made.

☒ The "ASSENT BY THE ASSIGNEE" to this reissue application is attached.

hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent.

Date: 9-6-99



Signature(s)
Kevin Weadock

(Type or print name(s))

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10^a
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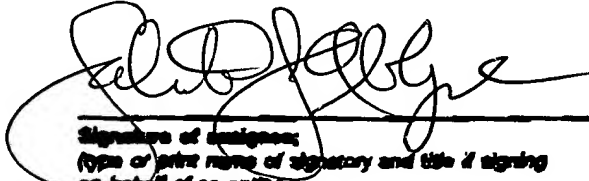
ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

The undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in the above-mentioned letters patent, hereby assents to the accompanying application.

STATEMENT BY ASSIGNEE

- ☒ Attached is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)," establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this reissue.

Date: 9/8/99


Signature of assignee;
(type or print name of signatory and title if signing
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Salvatore J. Abbruzzese

Reg. No. 30,152

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REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR, OFFER TO SURRENDER
(37 C.F.R. § 1.178)

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☒ Meadox Medicals, Inc.

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Date: 9/2/99

Richard J. Zdrachala
Signature(s)

Richard J. Zdrachala
(Type or print name(s))

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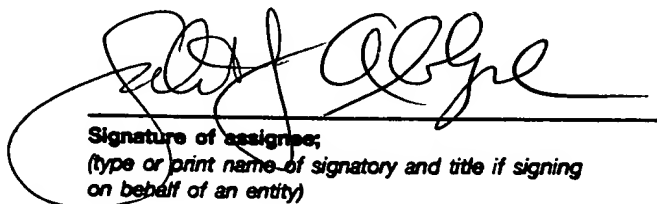
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Signature(s)

David J. Lentz

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: *Polytetrafluoroethylene Implantable
 Application No.: / Group No.: Prostheses
 Filed:
 For: Tubular Expanded* Examiner:
 5,665,114 Issue Date: September 9, 1997
 Patent*:
 Reexamination No.:
 Reissue:

*NOTE: Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title for patent.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)—
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NOTE: "Section 3.73(b) is amended to remove the sentence requiring an assignee to specifically state that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and to certify that title is in the assignee seeking to take action. The sentence is deemed to be unnecessary in view of the amendment to §§ 1.4(d) and 10.18." Notice of Oct. 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, at 53,174.

1. The assignee(s) of the entire right, title and interest hereby seek(s) to take action in the PTO in this matter.

IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE

2. Meadox Medicals, Inc.

Name of assignee

Corporation

Type of assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.

PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

3. _____
(type name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee)

Title of person authorized to sign

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[Author's Note: The requirement for an oath or declaration for this statement by a person not a registered practitioner was rescinded by the rules effective December 1, 1997.]

(complete the following, if applicable)

☐ I, the person signing below, state that I am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

BASIS F ASSIGNEE'S INTEREST

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

A.

1. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the matter identified above, which was recorded in the PTO at
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2. ☐ An assignment (document) separately being submitted for recordal herewith.

AND/OR

B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s) to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: Kevin Weadock
Name of inventor(s)
To: Meadox Medicals, Inc.

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2. From: David J. Lentz
Name of inventor(s) or assignee
To: Meadox Medicals, Inc.

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7116, Frame 0235

3. From: Richard J. Zdrahala
Name of inventor(s) or assignee
To: Meadox Medicals, Inc.

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7116, Frame 0235

(check item below, and add details, if applicable)

- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed in the attached Supplemental Sheet.

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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

Salvatore J. Abbruzzese

(type or print name of practitioner)

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